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# Informational Hearing on the Light Brown Apple Moth Eradication Strategy in the San Francisco Bay Area: Local Perspectives

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Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety  
and Toxic Materials - February 14, 2008



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# Local Perspectives

A review of the CDFA 2007 LBAM Spraying Program

## ■ This is what Californians hear:

*“There is no vote.”*

- CDFA Information Officer Steve Lyle  
to *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, Sept.26<sup>th</sup> 2007

## ■ What Californians Say:

*“I demand a say in whether or not my family gets exposed to pesticides.”*

- Jacqueline, CA, Petition Signatory #3,724, posted  
to [www.StoptheSpray.org](http://www.StoptheSpray.org)



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- Listening to Communities...
  - ❑ Over 3,700 people have signed an online petition opposing spraying.
  - ❑ 3 city councils publicly oppose spraying.
  - ❑ Thousands of letters, emails and phone calls have been made opposing spraying.



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- Identifying Problems – Community Engagement
  - Lack of Initial Engagement
    - Lack of open dialogue with constituents and decision-makers
    - Closed-door city and county meetings
  - Lack of Continued Engagement
    - Limited continuing dialogue – no venues
    - Public relations firms



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- Identifying the Problems - Information
  - Lack of Information on Most Fronts
    - Potential spray zones
    - Other ingredients in pheromone-pesticide products
    - Health threats
    - Perceived need for eradication
    - Economic losses



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- Identifying the Problems - Infrastructure
  - Lack of Infrastructure
    - Broader community notification
    - Vulnerable population notification
    - Notified doctors
    - Trained doctors
    - System for reporting health complaints



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## ■ Community Solutions

### □ Research

- Outreach to international experts
- Reporting and monitoring of health effects

### □ Education

- Education about control alternatives
- Informing local and state decision-makers



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## ■ Community Solutions - Research

### **COMPLAINTS OF ADVERSE REACTIONS TO AERIAL SPRAYING IN MONTEREY AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES**

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## ■ Community Solutions – Education Events



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## ■ Conclusions

- ❑ Lost Public Trust
- ❑ Public Reaction Escalating
- ❑ Communities Created Preferred Programs

## ■ Recommendations

- ❑ Create Open, Collaborative Community Discussions
- ❑ Establish Good-Faith Moratorium on Aerial Spraying  
Disclose More

